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"Wisdom Is Learning What To Overlook."----William James

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President's Message April, 2012

I hope the first four months of 2012 has been good to you all. I am in good health and hope you are all the same. Looking forward to another year with lots of good things for us all. I have slowed down some but still attended as many club meetings or functions as I am able. I still enjoy the programs and all your Show-N-Tells and now the auctions are really taking off at meetings. There is always some spirited bidding and items sometime go for a lot more than they should but bidders seem to enjoy the bidding. I have even put a few items in and don't do too bad, sometime better than I hoped.

January started with swearing in of Officers and dinners, first was the Delta Coin Club of Stockton's installation dinner at UJ's and then the Fremont Coin Club installation dinner at Spin-A-Yarn both had good food and visited with members, great time was enjoyed by all. I attended the St. Vincent's Crab Feed as guest of Micheal S. Turrini and this may be their last one which is a shame as we always enjoy this gathering. Thank you Micheal. San Jose had a three day Coin Show, I was unable to attend.

February I was at the Redwood Empire Coin Club of Santa Rosa two day Coin Show which I helped out by selling drawing tickets at the registration table along with reminding attendees to take their children to the Youth Table handled by Walter Ostromecki who treated the children to a Treasure Hunt, great job Walt. Then dinner at a Chinese Buffet, all you can eat and boy can we eat. Spending time with friends, celebrating someone's alleged "Birthday" and going home with a couple door prizes, bottles of fine wine donated by Lee Gong of G & G Market. Thanks Lee. Redwood Empire Coin Club does it right and their membership jumps right in to help out wherever they are needed. Way to go R.E.C.C. I also attended a Spaghetti Feed put on by the Genesis House of Vallejo, so I do what I can to support not only the numismatic society but the community as well and so can you.

March I kept busy, attending the Livermore Valley Coin Club's Coin Show meeting up with some old friends, purchasing a couple of items and of course having lunch put on by a great caterer serving pulled pork and trip tip sandwiches...yum. The end of the month I took a trip to Studio City and attended the California State Numismatic Association's symposium with four great speakers and seeing old friends and dinner with Walter Ostromecki who is currently the American Numismatic Association's Vice President. It was a long trip but worth the time. Note: Try to attend the California State Numismatic Accociation's symposium in Vallejo in October hosted by the Vallejo Numismatic Society in October with four speakers, so keep an eye out for the exact date. Sadly the Vallejo Numismatic Society lost it's Vice President and life member, Rodney Baker (Doc) on March 10th. He will be missed but never forgotten. The Numismatic community extends their condolences to the Baker Family.

April has me busy getting ready for the Vallejo Numismatic Society Coin Show on May 6th, as President and Bourse coordinator, hope to see you there. On the 28th a new coin club in Ukiah is having their first coin show and I am planning on attending to support their efforts.

Just a reminder that NCNA prints a coin show list, a free service to the numismatic community, listing is updated quarterly. If your club has an upcoming show send information early to: NCNA, Fred G. van den Haak, P. O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484 or e mail to fredvdh@gmail.com

There are many ways to get involved and support your local coin club. Just join and participate. You can't beat the good times, with the friendship of fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby. Hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other club shows or functions. As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely, Harry W. Davis, President Harry W.

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

"A Brave Man Thinks No One His Superior Who Does Him Injury, For He Has It Then In His Power To Make Himself Superior To The Other By Forgiving It.'----Alexander Pope, English Poet and Writer, 1688—1744.

Magnanimity.

Over the recent months, I have been attacked, even condemned, as well as dismissed, and the charges, often founded in jealousy, dislike, and envy, are easily counter with my record and commitment to, with, and in our hobby, as well as other involvements. Recently, someone even remarked that 'one day you will learn', to which I retort 'learn what'?

To that rude remark, if anyone really does have a complaint, or willing to offer real constructive advice, then let him or her begin to edit and to publish *this* NCNA HEADS AND TALES, with no recognition, for thirty plus years, to drive eighty miles round trip into 'The City', San Francisco, California, to keep the San Francisco Coin Club alive, or take on editing and publishing the California Exonumist Society (CES) quarterly MEDALLION or the Western Wooden Money Club' (WWMC) WEST WOOD, as well be generous toward local coin club show drawings (raffles), just to itemize a ***few of my*** services and support to, with, and in our hobby.

Joyce Kuntz, of Claremont, California, when bestowing the coveted *'Medal of Merit'* of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) upon me in 2011, stated "how does he do it all?"

Easily, because once a real person commits then you commit to serve and to do the best.

My correspondence always concludes with 'Always Serve Others' and 'Create Hope and Do Good'. Are these the traits for jealousy, dislike, and envy? Hum?

Yet, to those, I respond only with: Magnanimity. I Can Forgive ***and*** Continue To Serve.

As now in my retirement years and as before since 1972, when I first ventured into organized numismatics and later expanded my commitments to other avocations, my one and only credo has been, as best said by William James, an American philosopher, ***"The Greatest Use of Life Is To Spend It For Something That Will Out Last It."***

To those who attack, condemn, or dismiss, I offer nothing but my documented service and support *and* my magnanimity. Plus, I shall continue long after you cease.

"Let Us Bear With Magnanimity Whatever It Is Needful For Us To Bear."----Seneca

***Remember:* Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And Create Hope and Do Good!**

Numismatically Yours,

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2012 Election

As is procedure and as was announced in the January 2012 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, our biannual election is this year, in the early Fall months, for all five (5) Executive Officers: ***President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary,*** **and** ***Treasurer***. Any current dues paid Individual Member may be a candidate, and the only restriction, loosely enforced in the recent past, is that the President must have had prior service as an Executive Officer.

If anyone is interested, adhering to prior practice and procedure, please submit your name, in writing, to our **Secretary Fred G. van den Haak** at ***'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'***. Once all submitted names are received, and membership verified plus the willingness to serve and to do the position, a prepared ballot would be mailed. As already noted, the mailed ballot, separate from NCNA HEADS AND TALES, is usually done in September or October, with the Officers assuming their respective positions before the end of the calendar year. There is no formal installation or oath of office.

Note: These five (5) positions are separate from the appointed/selected Club Delegates, who represent one of the Club Members, coin clubs.

Also: Our Bylaws were adopted in 1978 and have been amended only once. These are only available via conventional hard-copy, no electronic or digital medium, as of this time.

2012 Miller Medal

Last Call: Written nominations are needed to be received no later, with postmark to confirm, than June 30, 2012. Submitted nominations should be through and have all the facts.

President and First Vice-President E-Mail

Current President Harry W. Davis and First Vice-President Irene Carrillo now have e-mail, and they may be reached at **perfectpair2900@netzero.net.**

Our Secretary Fred G. van den Haak may be contacted electronically at fredvdh@gmail.com, and your combination Treasurer and Editor remains the well-known EMPERORI@juno.com.

Sidebar: Our Association's Website is the joint Site with the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, and Vallejo Numismatic Society, at www.solanocoinclub.com. There are quick links at that site, on the home/opening page, to the American Numismatic Association (ANA), California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), the San Jose (California) Coin Club, and the Sacramento Valley (California) Coin Club, as well as the CSNA Library. Needless to say, the Site is basic, but it does provide the most current information and updates.

Coin Show Schedule

Again, the one and only exemplary service of our Association, is the periodically issued Coin Show Schedule, and the latest should be the last pages for this current NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Complimentary copies, at no charge, are available upon request by and from Club Members for distribution at meetings and coin shows.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Welcome To Another Saga About Local Northern California Coin Clubs! For over three decades, NCNA HEADS AND TALES has been the repository of the names, events, and activities that our 'the grass-roots' of our hobby: the local coin club, the often forgotten main artery and avenue for novice hobbyists and experienced experts.

Note: If nothing is listed or the report is short, this is because newsletters/bulletins were not received or the lack of full names not published.

Sad Note: As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, the Alameda Coin Club (THICK AND THIN TIMES) lacks its regular and dedicated Editor, **ROBERT G. STURN**, who has had some serious health issues. Also, the longtime Editor and publisher for the Sacramento Valley Coin Club (SVCC NEWSLETTER), **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER** passed away early March. In addition, the Gateway Coin Club (COINNECTIONS) has lost its longtime meeting site and seems unable to establish a new, regular, and acceptable meeting venue, as well as issue its newsletter.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY Hopes to have a small gathering this Sunday, May 6, 2012 during the Fortieth (40th) Annual Vallejo Coin Show, in Vallejo, California. Information about this gathering, which would be a joint meeting with the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) can be learned at www.solanocoinclub.com. CES, historically, meets with the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) holds its semiannual conventions. With CSNA conventions in question, CES is seeking other venues and events at which its members may gather, formally or informally. On a positive note, noted coin hobbyist, **HERBERT MILES**, recently made a most generous donation to CES for its future fund-raising auctions. *Thanks,* **HERB!** *Sidebar:* Your Editor doubles as the CES' MEDALLION Editor, and he would welcome articles and announcements for the quarterly MEDALLION.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB His Royal Personage, **KING LYLE OKAMOTO** has been again on his Royal Tours, presenting His Majesty before assorted vassals and peasants: "His Royal Highness, **KING LYLE I**, must bestow thanks and recognition upon His Loyal Scum Serf, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**. As the Cupertino Coin Club's Fortieth (40th) Annual Coin Show, this past February 19, 2012, the Lowly Peasant **'STAN'**, groveling upon the trodden soil with both hands upturned, did bestow upon His Royal Magnificence a grand bag of recyclables. His Royal Highness was pleased! 'You may rise, **'STAN'**, but not too quickly as your aged and feeble bones may not take the strain of haste'." *LOL!* Speaking of that 'lowly peasant', Your Editor, who also staffed a combination youth and information table at the aforementioned show. CCC Historian and most devoted volunteer and support, **KATHERINE RAY** gave a nice presentation, with many framed displays, titled *'Honoring CCC History: 1970—2012'* at the Club's February 10, 2012 meeting. Her "wonderful talk" was well-received.

DELTA COIN CLUB Has elected new Officers, and they are: **CLIFFORD RICE**, *President,* **THEODORE GARBER**, *Vice-President*, **SYD KASS**, *Corresponding Secretary*, **LUELLA GRIEP**, *Recording Secretary*, and **JOEL DECAMPO**, *Drawing Coordinator*, and **LORIS ENZMINGER**, *Event Coordinator*, with **TONY RANTZ**, *Treasurer*. *Sad News:* The DCC reports the passing of two of its members: **HOWARD D. WESELY, II**, who once served as the Club's President, back in 1987, 1988, and 1989, and **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER**, a longtime member. *Looking Ahead:* The Club has two annual socials scheduled: Friday, May 18, 2012 'Hot Dog Nite' and Sunday, July 29, 2012, 'Club Picnic' returning to Micki Grove, in Lodi, California. The Club's March 18, 2012 meeting certainly was changed around: originally intended for the main dining hall in the Eagles Lodge, the regular meeting room was preempted with telephone book distribution and the main dining hall had another function; so, the Club gathered in the bar! While it was crowded, it was fitting for the cold, rainy, and stormy night! *LOL!*

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Recently, held its Annual Banquet and Awards Night, gathering at the upscale and exclusive Crowne Plaza Hotel. The black tie and formal event attracted a nice assemblage of over hundred, and **MICHAEL M. STANLEY**, again served as the Master of Ceremonies. President **JAMES H. LAIRD** honored several members for their service and support; among those bestowed recognitions were retired Vice-President **JOHN P. RUSSELL, JR.**, and **JON-MARIA MARISH** as the 50/50 Coordinator. Inducted as the newest '*Fellow of the Society*' was **BRADFORD E. LEE**, who is the Society's Secretary and most conscientious in his service. Present were these past inductees: **MICHAEL S. TURRINI, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, JOHN P. RUSSELL, JR., MARK CLARKSON, JAMES H. LAIRD**, and **STEVEN MCLURE**, with **WILLIAM GREEN**. The evening was highly praised and had present dignitaries from several neighboring local coin clubs. Recent DNS presenters have been **ROBERT E. LUNA**, February 16, 2012, *'The Many Horns and Legs of the Buffalo Nickel'* and **CHARLES LUDVIK**, January 19, 2012, *'Collecting Medals of the Society of Medalists'*.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Reelected is Officers, and they are: **ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR.**, *President*, **WILLIAM F. BARTZ**, *Vice-President*, **JON-MARIA MARISH**, *Secretary*, and **KEVIN M. QUENGA, SR.**, *Treasurer*. The March 28, 2012 meeting was the Club's Annual George Flanagan Memorial Auction, which earned the Club a respectable $380.00 plus. The donations 'covered most anything thought', with the heaviest bidding and lot being a safe! *LOL!* **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** did the duty as the Auctioneer, even earning a few dollars for the infamous 'Red Suspenders' and 'White Shirt', the traditional gag lots.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Your Editor welcomes back **RANDY CLIFFORD** to the helm of the monthly FRESNO NUMISMATIST: "Well, I'm back! As you all may have known or to those who did not, I have been away for about six months. Due to a family situation that required my complete focus, I took a break away from my duties as your Secretary/Editor . . . I want to thank **RUTH M. PHILLIPS** for stepping up to the plate and covering for me. I always seem that she is ever ready to fill any gaps that should open in the regular operating functions of this club. **RUTH** is very dedicated to this club. Even though her plate is always full, she is always willing to do what is necessary for the will benefit the club. All members should follow her lead in her diligence to always be there when the situation should arise that requires a member to act upon in service to this Society." *Nice Words*, **RANDY**, *and Welcome Back!* As usual, **RANDY** always expounds something profound in his monthly musings, to wit from the April 2012 FRESNO NUMISMATIST: "the youth today is engulfed in a technological society. Most are influenced by Face Book, Twitter, video games, or other Internet activity. With all that influence, most do not event consider coin collecting. So, we need to reach out to them." *How True!* Recent FNS meetings have heard **KEN RICHERT**, last January 10, 2012, talking about his recent trip through the Panama Canal: "he took us through the technology involved in its inner-workings, what the builders went through during the construction, and even brought back some Panamanian money for viewing, a very thorough and fact-filled interesting presentation." **KEN** is the FNS' current President. **PHIL PLETTNER**, at the February 14, 2012 meeting, reviewed his trip and experience at the recent January 2012 FUN, Florida United Numismatists, gathering.

FREMONT COIN CLUB **MATT HUTCHINSON** agreed to serve as the Club's Recording Secretary, filling a needed position. **AARON HOUSTON** continues with a most exemplary reporting and coverage of FCC activities in the monthly THE DOUBLE EAGLE. Your Editor returned to the FCC February 28, 2012 meeting with his long-not-heard *'Tools of the Trade'*, which generated input and discussions from the audience, particularly as to security and storage, and as reported in the March 2012 DOUBLE EAGLE: " 'gee whiz', who would have thought of so many tools for the coin collecting hobby! **'STAN'** has thought of lots and is looking for more . . . lastly, **'STAN'** noted that 'coins do not collect people; people collect coins', and the hobby is about fun and fellowship." The FCC went 'national' when Past President **'CHUCK' CALL** presented an aluminum off-medal to **CLIFFORD L. MISHLER**, which was reported in the January 12, 2012 NUMISMATIC NEWS.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Among the most devoted and regular of LNS members is its active and enthused Junior, **BRUNO BOWER**, who is also a Volunteer Docent at the Old San Francisco Mint, 'The Granite Lady'. The LNS ended 2011 with its Annual December Holiday Party, last December 21, 2011, with an attendance of eighteen, as reported "everyone had their fill of the goodies and enjoyed the social hour." At the January 18, 2012 meeting, **STEPHEN M. HUSTON** spoke on *'Big Money'*, "explaining how various coins changed their denominations throughout the ages due to changes in metal composition and political changes. He discussed these change from Ancient Greece to modern times with multiple images highlighted in his PowerPoint." The Society was able to reelect some of its Executive Officers, except the Vice-President and Secretary.

LIVERMOIRE VALLEY COIN CLUB LVCC has several drawings, On-Time, Coin of the Month, Membership, and Numismania, and recent winners have been **RUBEN SMITH, III, MARSHALL CLOUD, 'CHUCK' WHITE, GEOF CAMPBELL, JIM CAULEY, RICK SPIVEY, 'JW' MEADOWS, JOE O'BRIAN, JAMES LIND, LARRY CALLAHAN**, and **RAY KOWALSKI.**

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY **BILL HYDER** gave a talk at the PCNS' January 25, 2012 meeting, as was prepared by **JEFF SHEVLIN**, titled *'The PPIE Official Medal'*: this "official medal is cataloged as being struck in silver, gilt bronze, and bronze . . . They also document silver-plated medals that they speculate were produced by Farran Zerbe in order to make an additional profit and cast white metal examples that were likely made outside the Exposition by others hoping to profit from the Exposition's souvenir market." **BILL** and **JEFF** have done so much research and study of these Official Medals that they "have compiled a color chart to allow identification of the different finishes for uncirculated pieces," since the " bronze medals struck at the Mint Exhibit at the Exposition were finished in one of our patinas: Bright Bronze, Statuary Bronze, Oxidized Bronze, and Antiqued Bronze." The team of **LLOYD G. CHAN** and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** were invited to address the august PCNS at its February 22, 2012 meeting, with *'Our Northern Neighbor: Canada, Coins, Collectors, and Camaraderie'*: "They focused on the annual conventions of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) and the activities associated with these conventions. They were enthusiastic about RCNA members in all aspects of the annual conventions. They also noted the positive relationship between the Royal Canadian Mint and the RCNA. Their talk was punctuated with examples of handouts, tokens, script, and coins acquired at various RCNA Conventions." At this same meeting, **LLOYD** shared as his Show 'n Tell along with RCNA Conventions souvenirs, several ancient coins acquired at those Conventions. **MICHAEL** brought and shared 'Carmel Dollars', designed by Joe Mora as 1930's Depression Script, for Carmel, California. At this same meeting, Past President **DR. MICHAEL E. WEHNER** "displayed three 1856 San Francisco Vigilance Committee Badges, two in silver and one in tin. His latest badge, #229, can be traced to Leopold Mousange through his great-grandson. Only about twenty to twenty-two of these badges are known to survive." PCNS has written to all California local coin clubs announcing its 2012 Papers Contest. Check www.pcns.org for information.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Reports that two submissions were for its 2012 Club Medal issue: Coastal Sea Otters and Los Gatos, California at Turn of the Century. Based on votes at the meetings and those mailed in, the Coastal Sea Otters was the winner, credited to **ALVIN H.W. LO** with this winning design. Each year, the Club auctions off a limited mintage off-medal set, with four specimens each, of an aluminum, bright copper, antique bronze, and lead: "our thanks to the members, including **HOWARD WHEELER**, for their spirited bidding on our 2011 sets of off-medals . . . the sets sold for $75.00 each, the highest bid, and thanks to **HOWARD** for your support to our Club." Going back to December 12, 2011, PCC ended 2011with its Annual Christmas Meeting, which "was very well attended and a fun evening for all. We had a record response to our Annual Christmas Drawing, selling $806.00 in tickets, and there were cookies and sweets to spare for all attending this social meeting. Special thanks to **XAN CHAMBERLAIN, RICH DOUGLAS**, and **BILL HURJA** for the latter."

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB The RECC monthly newsletter, under the esteemed and superior leadership of **MERLE V. AVILA**, President, and **LEE H. GONG**, Vice-President, no longer publishes full names in it; this makes it difficult for satisfactory and historical reporting and coverage about and for one of the most active and avid coin clubs here in our Golden State. Someone did place any interesting 'Trivia Quiz' in the March newsletter: "I found a very interesting medal at the coin show [referring the RECC's recent February 2012 Show], and could not resist buying it because of some of the details. They just do not seem to make medals like this anymore. I have an 1897S Morgan Dollar to give to the first person who can identify it at our next meeting. Parts of the medal are shown here." In the newsletter were snapshots views of the obverse and reverse, and to Your Editor, it is a commemorative or souvenir piece from the 1933 Chicago, Illinois, 'CPE', 'Century of Progress Exposition'. The RECC held its traditional Show Dinner, on Friday, February 17, 2012, at Fu Zhou Chinese Restaurant, in downtown Santa Rosa, California, and among the distinguished attendees were **DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.**, current Vice-President of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), **HARRY W. DAVIS**, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and Vallejo Numismatic Society President, **ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR.,** Fairfield Coin Club President, and **DR. JON-MARIA MARISH**, Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC). The RECC newsletter overlooked that at this same Dinner, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) honored **LEE H. GONG**, with a *'President's Medal'*, by current CSNA President **GARY BEEDON**.

RENO COIN CLUB Reports that several of its members toured the Northwest Territory Mint, formally Metallic Arts, in Dayton, Nevada last February 29, 2012: "it was a wonderful experience. It is a huge operation making coins from molten metal pressed into sheets, then cut into rounds and planchets." The tour was conducted by **ROGER VUGTEVEEN**, of the Mint, and at the end, there was "highlight when we were able to look at the collection of medals in **ROGER'S** office. We could not spend the whole day there, wonderful pieces from both World Wars, Art Deco masterpieces, and more. **ROGER'S** favorite medal as a United States Congress medal thanking Arthur Rostron for responding and picking up the survivors of the TITANIC." *Sidebar:* Your Editor had the same tour last year, with my fellow associates, **LLOYD G. CHAN** and **LEE H. GONG**, and **WILLIAM WYCHINSON**, current Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) President, also toured last year. We collectively rave and were in awe. Well Worth The Time and Walking!

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB The Club has struggled lately as to a permanent meeting venue, and with this year, it now fixed as follows***: 'Fourth Friday evenings, with 6:30 PM, no-host dinner, and 7:00 PM meeting, in the Reserved Room at Tennessee Grill, 1128 Taraval Avenue, between 21st and 22nd Streets, in the Sunset Section of San Francisco, California.'*** The Club keeps its meetings active with Show 'n Tells and Silent Auction. The Club appreciated the generosity of **KENNETH K. TAKAHASHI,** who is Charter Member, and graciously pays the Club's American Numismatic Association (ANA) Club Membership dues. *Thanks,* ***KEN!***

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB After several months of discussion and in face with a declined membership, the SSRC voted to meet bimonthly, with two meetings a year at local coin shows. The meeting dates for the remainder of 2012 are: '***Sunday, May 6, 2012, during the Vallejo Coin Show, in Vallejo, California June 14th, Sunday, August 12, 2012, during the Fairfield Coin Show, in Fairfield, California, September 13th, and December 13th, the latter being the Club's year-ending season social, venue and time to be arranged.***' The SSRC Officers remain **DR. JON-MARIA MARISH**, *President,* **ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR.**, *Vice-President*, and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI,** *Treasurer*, with **JON-MARIA** doubly as the SILVER NOTES Editor. The SSRC welcomes inquiries and these may be to fccjoni@yahoo.com. *Sad News:* The Club lost one of its most regular attending members, **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER**, this past March 2012, who was a regular at several northern California local coin clubs over the decades.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB The March 2012 TODO DINERO recognized several SJCC Members for their recent quite involved help: "a big thank you goes to Hall of Fame Member, **LARRY BENSON and KATHY BENSON** and Board Member **FRED DAVIS**, for bringing the trailer from Lockheed Storage to our Show in January 2012. **LARRY** was just out of the hospital; but, he still dedicated himself to helping. We would also like to thank the speakers who presented talks at our January 2012 Show. **JOHN C. HOFFMAN**, from Merced, California, who addressed a regional informal gathering of the California Exonumist Society, SJCC Librarian **EDWARD T. SINS** and Board Member **KEITH SCOTT**, who also gave informative presentations." Speaking of programs, recent SJCC meeting presentation have had **BILL MEADOWS**, at the January 11, 2012 meeting talking about Two Cents Pieces, and **BRIAN DANIELS**, at the March 14, 2012 reviewing *'Some Thoughts On Paper Money Investing'*. SJCC Member **TOM HOSKINS** was also recognized for his donation of a cash box to the Club's monthly meeting Auction. The Club also thanked its non-competitive exhibitors at its January 2012 Coin Show: **BRIITA EHLERS, RICHARD SHUSTERMAN, RAY JOHNSON, SALLY JOHNSON, RYAN JOHNSON**, and **COBY BELTRAN**, Youth. *Sad News:* The SJCC reported that a devoted member, **JOHN SCHMIDT**, passed away last December 2011. **JOHN** was a multi-hobbyist: coins, carpentry, photography, and traveling. He served as President in 1976—1977, and was inducted into the Club's Hall of Fame in 2006.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Your Editor always enjoys reading the 'President's Column' in the monthly GOLD STRIKE by current President **AARON BROWN**, from the March 2012 issue: " 'Something tells me we are not in Kansas anymore, Toto.' That Is Right. We are going over the rainbow at our first meeting this month [March 2012]. Our perpetual Past President **MIKE TANDY** will be giving a presentation on Toned Coins. If your collection is looking a little monochromatic, our first meeting [March 14, 2012] could give your some good ideas how to add a little red, or blue, or green to spruce it up. Also, if you have any particularly colorful coins of your own, please bring these to add to our numismatic rainbow." Continuing, "while I cannot promise we will have a Wonderful Wizard to grant your wishes, if you wish to sell Show Drawing tickets, then our terrific Ticket Master **JIM HOLDEN** can indeed make your wish come true," and now to be overlooked, "also, remember our Good Witch **DOLLY SAULS** is in need of empty coffee cans for use in this year's Junior Auction . . . So, remember anyone not bearing toned coins, coffee cans, or drawing tickets at our next meeting will have a flock of flying monkeys to answer to! Do Not Mess With The Flying Monkeys!"

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY With the passing of its Vice-President **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER**, the Society's Board of Directors selected **EDWIN T. HOFFMARK, JR.,** as the new Vice-President and **MICHAEL P. BUTLER** as a Director. At the Society's January 4, 2012 meeting, there were these 'Other Hobbies': **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, Mare Island Collectibles, **LLOYD G. CHAN**, Pens, **MICHAEL JORDAN**, 1925 Norse-American Centennial, **JAMES MADAY**, Batman, **LORIE BERRY**, graphic design for wine bottle labels, **HERMAN E. BERRY, JR.**, archery with a telescoped arrow, **TERRY STEWART**, seashells, **EDWARD RIPPE**, sailing and crew, **SCOTT GRIFFIN**, golf, **TIM KLEIN**, bolt action rifles, and **MERLE V. AVILA**, California tokens. The past several VNS meetings have had the 'Chef Team' of **DONALD L. HILL** and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** cooking some treats for the attending members: salads one time, hot-dogs another meeting, and even chili at one recent gathering. Their cooking can be unique! *LOL!* The VNS and its neighbors, the Fairfield Coin Club, have scheduled Saturday, December 1, 2012 for their Twenty-Sixth (26th) Joint Christmas Party, again at the nearby Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and the famous Jubilee Box would again be the secondary prize in the Party's 50/50 Drawing. **EDWIN T. HOFFMARK, JR.,** is the 'procurer coordinator' for this Box, and donations are sought. The VNS is quite proud that its own **ROBERT E. LUNA** was bestowed the *'Roy Hill Memorial Award'* from the CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST for his published submission. What is special was that this was **ROBERT'S** first-ever venture in publishing an article and the late **ROY HILL** was once among the most respected California coin advocates and VNS Charter Member. *Congratulations **BOB!***

SPECIAL NOTICE

NORTHERN CALIFORIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATIOIN (NCNA)

'CLUB MEMBERS' *and* 'INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS'

First, as a continuing effort, even if limited, to offer something to our Club Members, local northern California coin clubs, on the next page is reproduced the recently created and promoted **Liberty Numismatic Society Sponsorship Program**. While some northern California local coin clubs have had and do something akin, this is the first, at least to Your Editor, *structured and professionally implemented* organized solicitation approach. It is reprinted here to share with others and to encourage like efforts.

Like ideas and input would be welcomed from our Club Members and included in future NCNA HEADS AND TALES issues, if warrant.

Second, also reproduced in this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is an informative and interesting short one page article by William 'Bill' Febuary' of the Fresno (California) Numismatic Society. Mr. Febuary is a FNS Past President and regularly contributes to the monthly FRESNO NUMISMATIST. Full credit and citation is acknowledged to the FRESNO NUMIISMATIST. If space allows, another recent short article by 'Bill' Febuary may be included in this current issue or certainly in future NCNA HEADS AND TALES.

Third, as a courtesy to our fellow hobbyists, elongated coin collectors, and at the request of **TEC, The Elongated Collector**, current President Oded Paz, of Arco, Idaho, and formerly southern California, included is an application and flier for 'TEC'. Elongated coin collectors are quite enthused and energized hobbyists.

Like applications and fliers would be gladly included, as space and costs allow, for other numismatically related hobbyists and groups.

Closing, it is hoped these inclusions would enhance and would educate our Club and Individual Members, expanding and enhancing their hobby enjoyment. Comments would be welcomed.

Liberty Numismatic Society Sponsorship Program

Liberty Numismatic Society (LNS) encourages local businesses to help sponsor our Club and its activities. We are a California C corporation and are qualified as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. One of our goals is to educate the public in all branches of numismatics.

In return for this sponsorship, we will publish the sponsor's business card on our web site LNS.anaclubs.org and at the end of our monthly newsletter. We will also mention the sponsor's name and the disposition of the donation in the text of the newsletter.

Our sponsorship program is structured in three levels as follows:

- ## Bronze Level

  Once each year a Sponsor will donate a coin, such as a silver dollar, an American Silver Eagle or some other coin of equivalent value.

- ## Silver Level

  Twice each year a Sponsor will donate a coin, such as a silver dollar, an American Silver Eagle or some other coin of equivalent value.

- ## Gold Level

  Once each year a Sponsor will donate a small gold coin, e.g., a Mexican gold two peso or an American Gold Eagle 1/10 ounce, **or** **Three times each year** a Sponsor will donate a coin, such as a silver dollar, an American Silver Eagle or some other coin of equivalent value.

We will use the donations as prizes or auction items at our monthly meetings . We also accept other donations such as numismatic materials, supplies and books. Often, our sponsors may acquire these items in their buying transactions and they may be of little value to them but would be a great help to us in maintaining our financial strength. Our finances are public knowledge and we will share the information with anyone who is interested in reviewing it.

I agree to be a sponsor to LNS at the level circled: Bronze Silver Gold

_____ _____

Business Name Date

_____ _____

Signed by Title

A GOOD 5 CENT CIGAR?

During the 1920's United Cigar Stores was the one of the largest chain stores in the United States, with almost 3000 outlets. The company declared bankruptcy during the depression in the 1930's and completely disappeared by the 1960's. During its heyday, between 1910 and the mid 1930's many of the United Cigar Store outlets issued their own tokens. Change was often scarce, so stores would give out their own tokens which could be redeemed for merchandise at a later date. It was also a good way to keep customers coming back. A cigar could be purchased for a nickel, so many of the United Cigar Store outlets issued a tokens "Good for 5 Cents in Trade". This 21mm brass "Good for 5 Cents in Trade" token was issued by the United Cigar Store in Delano, California. Delano was founded as a railroad town in 1869. It grew into an agriculture center, specializing in table grapes. I have seen this token offered anywhere from $6 to $60.

Adopted from Joel Anderson - www.joelscoins.com Interesting Stuff Catalog #159

WHY BE INTERESTED IN TOKENS

By Bill Febuary, Past FNS President

Not long ago, I did an appraisal for an older gentleman who was no longer interested in collecting coins and his family wanted to see what his coins were worth.

He lived in Minnesota and was 96 years old, still actively involved in many things at the retirement center where he was a resident. He agreed to have his children bring his coins back to California to have me appraise them.

Once they returned from Minnesota with the coins, they contacted me and we arranged to meet to see what was in the older gentleman's collection. He had the usual coins that most collections contain, sets of Lincoln Cents, Buffalo Nickels, Mercury Dimes, and a few silver dollars. But more than anything else, he collected TOKENS. He must have been an avid collector token collector because there were tokens from not only his area, but some of the surrounding states as well.

As a result of this appraisal, I found myself very interested in collecting tokens. There were so many in his collection that it was impossible to describe them all in a few short paragraphs.

Many of the tokens that struck my eye with great interest were from my home state of South Dakota. These were collected back when South and North Dakota were celebrating their centennial in 1961 and the tokens refer to the two states as Dakota Territory. There were several tokens in the collection with different designs on them, one of which shows a covered wagon with a settler leading the wagon drawn by horses, with his family sitting in the wagon. Another one had an Indian's face with a covered wagon in the background. A third one showed the state capital of North Dakota as it appeared in 1883 and 1884. The reverse of the tokens indicated a value of $.50 in trade that could be redeemed at various locations in the states of South and North Dakota. They were all made of brass and were very attractively struck. This collection also contained many tokens from various states such as Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Iowa.

There were also tokens from some of the Western attractions in South Dakota, including one good luck token from Rockerville. There were also several play money tokens in the collection which was of special interest to me as I also collect play money, including play money made of paper and metal. I wondered what was going through his mind as he acquired these various artifacts of history, not only the coins he collected, but the tokens that represented so much history.

I was able to purchase the entire collection, which is now housed in a large three ring binder, with the tokens in 2 X 2 cardboard holders and inserted in plastic pages so that they can be viewed from both sides. The tokens are now labeled with some brief information about each one.

So here again, is another opportunity to collect something worthwhile that does not cost a fortune, not only for its intrinsic value, but for its historical value as well. Tokens are not only made of metal, some are made of wood or plastic, of which many of the tokens in this collection were found to be made of and saved.

There are so many different tokens and medals in this collection, that it will take me several articles to describe them all, but please consider, with just this one article that many variations of numismatics exist and they are available for collectors just like you and I.

Do not hesitate to look around if you are not satisfied with what you are presently collecting, as there are other things just waiting for you to discover, most of which are not that expensive and bring a lot of enjoyment for a very little price.

MY TWO FAVORITE COINS

By Bill Febuary, Past FNS President

Many years ago when I first became interested in coin collecting with the discovery of a jar of coins that my grandmother had given me, I also found two other coins that were my father's coins. They were an 1875-CC Twenty-Cent Piece with a die crack near the bottom of the coin and an 1819-P Bust Half Dollar. Both of the coins were slightly worn and I had put them put them away several years ago into the hard capital holders.

I had not realized the increase in the value of either of the coins until just recently when I found them again and discovered that both coins had risen in price. Both coins are in VF condition. I had watched the price of the Twenty-Cent piece remain about the same for several years in the past, but now I see it has dramatically jumped to over $325.00 in the recent Trends Price listing. The 1819-P Bust Half Dollar has also risen in price to about what the Twenty-Cent piece had been for many years, which is now $125.00.

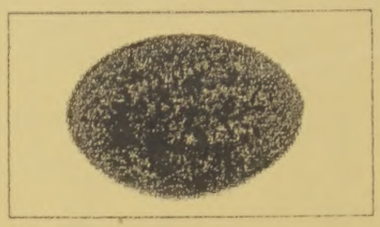
These two coin will probably always stay in my coin collection since they once were once owned by my father, who passed away in 1965. This was several years before I became interested in numismatics or even knew what the term meant. It was not until 1969 that I became interested in coin collecting.

The small die break near the bottom of the Twenty-Cent piece is very interesting and I would like to research how this die break came about for this particular year of coin. If anyone that is into die breaks knows anything about the background of this particular dated coin I would appreciate them contacting me.

As I write this article, I am wondering just how many of us have similar stories to tell about their own coins. You see, we find that the field of numismatics is so full of history and things to write about and research and most of us never tire of collecting coins.

Do You Collect Elongated Coins?

Elongated coins (so-called because of their shape after they are rolled) are part of what's known as "exonumia" — that is, they fall outside the usual numismatic interests. But rest assured, if you have a few, a few hundred, or a few thousand of them, you are not alone.



The first US elongateds were rolled in 1893 at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. Over the next few decades, entrepreneurs appeared with their dies and rolling machines at many fairs and expositions, eager to provide visitors with an inexpensive and unique souvenir. A man who operated a penny machine at the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair recalls "My earnings began to hit $20 to $22 per week. This was real money." To attract customers, "we would say to the people, 'make a souvenir from your penny for five cents, just a nickel, folks, a souvenir of the Chicago World's Fair on your penny!'"

In the 1950s, after assurances from the US Treasury that elongating US coins is indeed quite legal, many more individuals created their own dies and rolling machines, establishing themselves over the next 30 or so years as particularly devoted elongated fans and building astonishing catalogs of elongateds, not to mention a nationwide network of friends.

Then in the late 1980s, a further expansion of the hobby occurred when customer operated electric and manual rolling machines began appearingat amusement parks, museums, zoos, and other attractions, providing seemingly endless opportunities for Happy Collecting! All of which brings us to today when some rare elongateds command high prices, but most still remain one of the least expensive and most unique collectibles available. Beloved by young and old alike, found at thousands of locations worldwide, elongateds are truly a joy.

Founded in 1966, The Elongated Collectors (TEC) now has over 750 members in several countries. Our purpose is to 1) encourage the study, acquisition, and exhibition of elongateds and related items, 2) research and publish articles in *TEC News* and elsewhere, 3) assist new collectors, especially youth, and 4) promote the realistic and consistent valuation of elongateds. Basically, we care for and foster interest in these marvelous souvenirs from every source and every era.

If you love elongateds, then TEC is the club for you! We gather for our annual meeting at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money convention. In addition, many of our members gather throughout the year at "mini-meets" in various parts of the country to visit with one another, compare collections, trade duplicates, and go on "squishin' missions." And many of us also participate in various internet discussion groups, sharing our latest discoveries and helping each other out any way we can. More information about us is available at our website: www.tecnews.org. We welcome any and all questions you may have.

Join us! For your nominal membership dues, you'll receive:

- Our quarterly newsletter *TEC News* and periodic email updates (*TEC eNews*)
- Exclusive elongateds, including coveted annual TEC Member issues
- Birthday elongateds for Junior members
- Discounts on classic reference books such as *Yesterday's Elongateds*
- And, more, but best of all access to the unmatched generosity and wisdom of novice and advanced collectors alike

Happy Collecting!

The Elongated Collectors (TEC)

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or visit us at www.tecnews.org

THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS (TEC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Visit our website at www.tecnews.org

Please print legibly or type and send completed forms to the TEC Secretary at address below, with your check or money order payable to **"TEC"**. Membership dues are due January 1st for each calendar year. You may pay your dues for no more than one year in advance (two years total). *(If you join after the October issue of TEC News is mailed, your dues will cover the following year.)*

I am . . . ☐ Applying for membership *(please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your welcome package)*
☐ Renewing my membership, TEC #_____

I wish to be/am a . . . ☐ Regular Member (U.S.) ❒ 1 year = $15 ❒ 2 years = $30
☐ Regular Member (Foreign) ❒ 1 year = $18 ❒ 2 years = $36
☐ Associate Member ❒ 1 year = $6 ❒ 2 years = $12
(additional member at the same address as a Regular Member - Does not receive TEC News or coins)
☐ Junior Member ❒ 1 year = $7 ❒ 2 years = $14
(a member under 18 years old - **must show date of birth on application***)*

I hear TEC republished Lee Martin and Dottie Dow's reference book *Yesterday's Elongateds* . . .
☐ Send me *YE* at the special TEC member's price: $25 per copy x ____ copies = $ _____
(Note, your TEC membership really pays! The non-member price for YE is $35 + $5 postage)

I've enclosed my check or money order payable to **"TEC"** for a total of $ _____

I understand TEC members may request contact information for each other from the TEC Secretary . . .
☐ I do **not** wish my contact information to be made available.

I hear TEC issues official e-mail updates periodically, above and beyond the quarterly paper newsletter . . .
☐ No, thanks, I'd rather not get any more e-mail; ☐ No, thanks, I don't have an e-mail address.

I learned of TEC from *(name of website, publication, person)* Oded Paz, TEC President # 3047

I've been collecting elongateds for _____ years and I specialize in _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP/POSTCODE _____

COUNTRY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS *(if any)* _____

BIRTH DATE *(required for Junior Members)* _____

I have read the Bylaws of TEC (available for review at www.tecnews.org), and I will abide by them as long as I am a member.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
(if under 18, please have a parent or guardian sign)

Return completed form and payment to:
Les Holbrook, TEC Secretary
4010 Foothills Blvd. Ste 103 Box 15, Roseville, CA 95747-7241

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Date Admitted to Membership _____ TEC # _____ *(Form revised October 2011)*
Source: www.tecnews.org

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin Club show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismati8c Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com

April 28, 2012	**UKIAH**. The V.F.W Post 1900, First Annual Coin and Stamp Show, Mendocino County, Veterans Memorial Bldg., 293 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah. Bourse/Information: Karl Caukwell (707) 621-0998. **ADMISSION $1**.
May 6, 2012	**VALLEJO**. Vallejo Numismatic Society 40th Annual Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan) Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-642-0216. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPERORI@juno.com.
July 14-5, 2012	**MODESTO**. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Annual Coin and Collectibles Show, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (at 11th and K Streets), Modesto. Bourse: Brandilyn Gilmer, P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, Ca 95393-1672. Phone: (209) 492-9028.
July 28-9, 2012	**FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club 40th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
Aug. 12, 2012	**FAIRFIELD.** Fairfield Coin Club 23rd Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission $1** Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 644-6232, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
Sept. 16, 2012	**LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club Second Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.

Oct. 13-4, 2012	**CONCORD.** Diablo Numismatic Society. 16th Annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectables Show, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Diablo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 177, Concord, Ca. 94522. Website: diablocoinclub.org Bourse: Bill Green (925) 351-7605. **ADMISSION $3**.
Oct. 20-1, 2012	**STOCKTON**. Delta Coin Club 48th Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.
Nov. 4, 2012	**SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
Feb. 17, 2013	**SAN JOSE**. "Cupertino" Coin Club 41st Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. **Admission: $2 adults**, youth 17 and under free.
Nov. 3, 2013	**SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 34th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com